

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on January 11, 2005 at 3:02 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 79, 1/5/2005; SB 1, 1/5/2005; SB 56, 1/5/2005
Executive Action: SB 79, SB 102, SB 65, SB 9, SB 1

00:01:58

HEARING ON SB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA (D), SD 13, opened the hearing on **SB 79**, Two free sets of license plates for disabled veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:10 **Bill Furois, Disabled American Veterans**

EXHIBIT(his07a01)

00:06:21 **Col. Jim Jacobson, Retired, American Legion**

00:07:32 **Bob Pavlovich, Veterans Affairs Interim Committee**

EXHIBIT(his07a02)

EXHIBIT(his07a03)

00:08:43 **Roger Hagen, Officers and Enlisted Men**

00:08:54 **Dan Antonietti, Veterans of Foreign Wars**

00:09:18 **Dean Roberts, Department of Motor Vehicles,
Attorney General's Office**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:09:27

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:56

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 79

Motion/Vote: **SEN. SMITH** moved that **SB 79 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:11:29

HEARING ON SB 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on **SB 1**, Authorize living will indicator on driver's license.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:19 Randy Gray, Mayor of Great Falls
00:14:28 Dean Roberts, Department of Motor Vehicles

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:16:37

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:56

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:01

HEARING ON SB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DAN MCGEE (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 56, Revise membership of design-build advisory board.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:18 Loran Frazier, Department of Transportation
00:32:33 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
00:33:15 Jay Skoog, American Council of Consulting
 Engineers

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:34:46

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:21

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:33

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 102

Motion: SEN. LASLOVICH moved that SB 102 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that SB 102 BE AMENDED.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[EXHIBIT](#)(his07a04)

Motion/Vote: SEN. LASLOVICH moved that SB 102 DO PASS AS
AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

00:48:47

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 65

Motion/Vote: SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that SB 65 BE TABLED. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:49:02

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 9

Motion/Vote: SEN. BLACK moved that SB 9 DO PASS. Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote.

00:54:11

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 1

Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 1 DO PASS. Motion
carried 7-2 by voice vote with SEN. BLACK and SEN. STEINBEISSER
voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:59 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

GP/KE

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([his07aad0.PDF](#))